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SUBJ: BRAZIL-URUGUAY TRADE TREATY

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1. EXCHANGE OF RATIFICATIONS TO PROTOCOL OF COMMERCIAL EXPANSION DURING VISIT TO BRASILIA BY URUGUAYAN FOREIGN MINISTER BLANCO ON JULY 9, MARKS ANOTHER STEP FORWARD IN URUGUAYAN POLICY OF PURSUING REGIONAL INTEGRATION THROUGH BILATERAL TREATIES WITH ITS NEIGHBORS. PROTOCOL, NEGOTIATED WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP, COOPERATION AND COMMERCE (REF B. ENCL. 3) SIGNED BY BRAZILIAN AND URUGUAYAN PRESIDENTS IN JUNE 1975, WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE AUGUST 9.

2. ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS URUGUAY WILL RECEIVE TARIFF

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CONCESSIONS FROM BRAZIL ON OVER 500 PRODUCTS, WITH AN

OVERALL LIMIT IN VALUE IMPOSED SECTOR BY SECTOR (I.E. MACHINERY, CHEMICALS, ETC.). IN RETURN, URUGUAY HAS GRANTED CONCESSIONS WITHOUT QUOTAS TO BRAZIL ON 150 PRODUCTS.

3. BRAZILIANS WERE REPORTEDLY MUCH TOUGHER THAN ARGENTINES WERE IN NEGOTIATING A SIMILAR TREATY (75 MONTEVIDEO A-42). ARGENTINA GRANTED TO URUGUAY NON-EXTENSIVE BENEFITS ON A LARGE NUMBER OF PRODUCTS IN A BILATERAL TREATY APPROVED IN 1975. THAT TREATY ALSO CALLED FOR URUGUAY TO GRANT DUTY-FREE TARIFF TREATMENT TO ARGENTINA ON A NEGOTIATED LIST OF PRODUCTS, STARTING JANUARY 1, 1976. URUGUAY AND ARGENTINA, HOWEVER, HELD OFF NEGOCIATING URUGUAYAN CONCESSIONS UNTIL A MECHANISM COULD BE FOUND TO SATISFY IAFTA AND GATT REQUIREMENTS. IAFTA RESOLUTION NO. 35 (REF C.) AUTHORIZED URUGUAY TO GRANT NON-EXTENSIVE BENEFITS TO ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL APPARENTLY SATISFYING IAFTA REQUIREMENTS. FOREIGN OFFICE SOURCES STATE THEY ARE AWARE OF POSSIBLE GATT COMPLICATIONS BUT BELIEVE THEM COVERED BY IAFTA RESOLUTION.

4. EMBASSY WILL FORWARD PRODUCT LIST WHICH EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE SOON.
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